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c. Military career: (cont. 'ed) From Feb 1942 until end of war in compulsory military service, first as a private in the Landesschuetzen Reserve Battalion in Hainburg, later as technical sergeant in a light artillery unit. (His o.c. Austrian rank of Lt. was not recognized).

In 1944, LAST allegedly organized a resistance movement in his unit in Wimuetz, which cooperated actively with the Czech freedom movement.

a. Professional career: Joined the Insurance Company Universale in Innsbruck in 1923 as a field agent; transferred later to the Insurance Company Providence, and worked between 1928 and 1930 for the Bundeslaenderversicherungsanstalt, Landesstelle Tyrol, in Innsbruck.

From 1930 to Feb 1937 wrote articles for various Austrian newspapers on Austrian history, army history, science and politics.

Unemployed after August 1938 (period unspecified).

Worked prior to Feb 1942 (date of induction into army) in the Landkrankenanstalt Tyrol in Innsbruck (period unspecified).

Employed in 1947 by the Landesstelle for Upper Austria of the Zentralberatungsstelle fuer Volksdeutsche in Linz, Stilerstaette 14.

In 1948, agent for Universum Publishing house, Reimers Dr. Schott.

e. Political entanglements: Subject was brought up in the Christian-conservative tradition. He belonged from 1918 until the death of emperor Charles I to the Legitimist movement, for which he also wrote articles. He remained in contact with this group, without, however, taking an active part in it. He also maintained contact to national and national-socialist circles.

In autumn 1933, subject was approached by persons belonging to right-wing circles of the Christian-socialist party, as for instance by Col. Baumgarten Lt.-Col. Freisauf, Major Rodler, Captain Dominic, (former army officers, living in Innsbruck), and was asked to keep them informed about what was go^{ing}

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E. Incident: Subject was arrested on 18 August 1948 on suspicion of assault with intent to rob. He was released a few hours later, together with his female companion when it became apparent that it had been a case of mistaken identity. Subject, homeward bound after a drinking spree, grabbed a woman, whom, in the darkness, he believed to be his companion, from which he had become temporarily separated. The screams of the frightened woman attracted the attention of a watchman, who held subject until the police arrived. (This incident is mentioned in several lengthy reports at Police Hqs).

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